

DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The [Brownfield Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

DCA and DAQ to Repeat Popular Air Quality Compliance Certification and Reporting Workshop

Because of the positive response and large number of registrants, the Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) and Division for Air Quality (DAQ) have decided to repeat the Air Quality Annual Compliance Certification and Reporting Workshop that was held this past December. Individuals that were not able to register last session because the session was full and individuals that were not able to attend previously due to schedule conflicts are encouraged to attend this encore event.

This training will feature short presentations about how to read permits and offer an explanation of annual compliance certifications, semiannual monitoring reports and their purpose. Participants will be given time to fill out portions of their annual compliance certifications and semiannual monitoring reports. DAQ field staff will be available to answer questions and provide guidance to participants.

This half-day workshop will start at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, and be held in Frankfort at the department's environmental training center located at 300 Fair Oaks Lane. The workshop is free, but registration is required. To register or view a copy of the agenda, visit <http://www.dca.ky.gov/Training-Events/>.

Drinking Water Certification Renewal Period Begins

Individuals holding drinking water treatment or distribution certifications are encouraged to begin the process of renewing their certifications. Drinking water certifications expire on June 30, 2010. Operators are encouraged to renew their certification online, which saves time and eliminates paperwork. Additional information about the renewal process and online renewal can be found on the Certification and Licensing Branch's [Web page](#).

EPA Releases Annual Enforcement Results and Mapping Tool

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released enforcement results for fiscal year 2009, and has a new Web-based [tool and interactive map](#) that allows the public to get information by location about the enforcement actions taken at approximately 4,600 facilities. The maps show facilities where civil enforcement actions took place, whether for air, water or land pollution, and



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities under represented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving beyond compliance to environmental leadership.

a separate map for criminal enforcement actions.

You can click on specific facilities to find information about cases, such as violations and monetary penalties, and find out if a facility is located near water bodies listed as impaired because it does not meet federal water quality standards. The new mapping tool will provide you with a clearer picture of the EPA's enforcement activity nationwide.

Final Rule for Chemical Preparations Industry Area Source NESHAP Issued

The EPA is promulgating national emissions standards for control of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) from the chemical preparations area source category. These final emissions standards for new and existing sources reflect the EPA's final determination regarding the generally available control technology or management practices (GACT) for the source category. This final rule became effective on Dec. 30, 2009.

EPA Seeks Input Regarding Stormwater Management Including Discharges from New Development and Redevelopment

The EPA published a [Federal Register](#) notice announcing plans to initiate national rulemaking to establish a comprehensive program to reduce stormwater discharges from new development and redevelopment and make other regulatory improvements to strengthen the stormwater regulatory program. The purpose of the notice is to request input from the public to help the EPA shape such a comprehensive program and to announce the EPA's intent to hold several public listening sessions in January 2010.

The EPA seeks input on this undertaking regarding performance, effectiveness and cost of stormwater control measures; ecological data, including ecological benefits from stormwater controls; technical information on design, implementation of and operation and maintenance of stormwater control measures; suggestions for how the existing program may be modified to better meet the goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA); and any other information that may help the EPA develop improvements to the existing program, including better control of pollutants in stormwater created by development and redevelopment.

Written comments must be submitted on or before Feb. 26, 2010. See the [Federal Register](#) notice for information about how to submit comments.

2010 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan

The EPA has published in the [Federal Register](#), and is requesting comment on, a preliminary plan for reviewing effluent guidelines, which are regulations that improve water quality by controlling discharges from industrial sources. The EPA publishes a final Effluent Guidelines Plan every even-numbered year as is required by Section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act. Prior to publishing the final plan, the EPA must publish a preliminary plan and take public comments.

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